



Country sheet

Benin

**(SAHA regional
programme)**

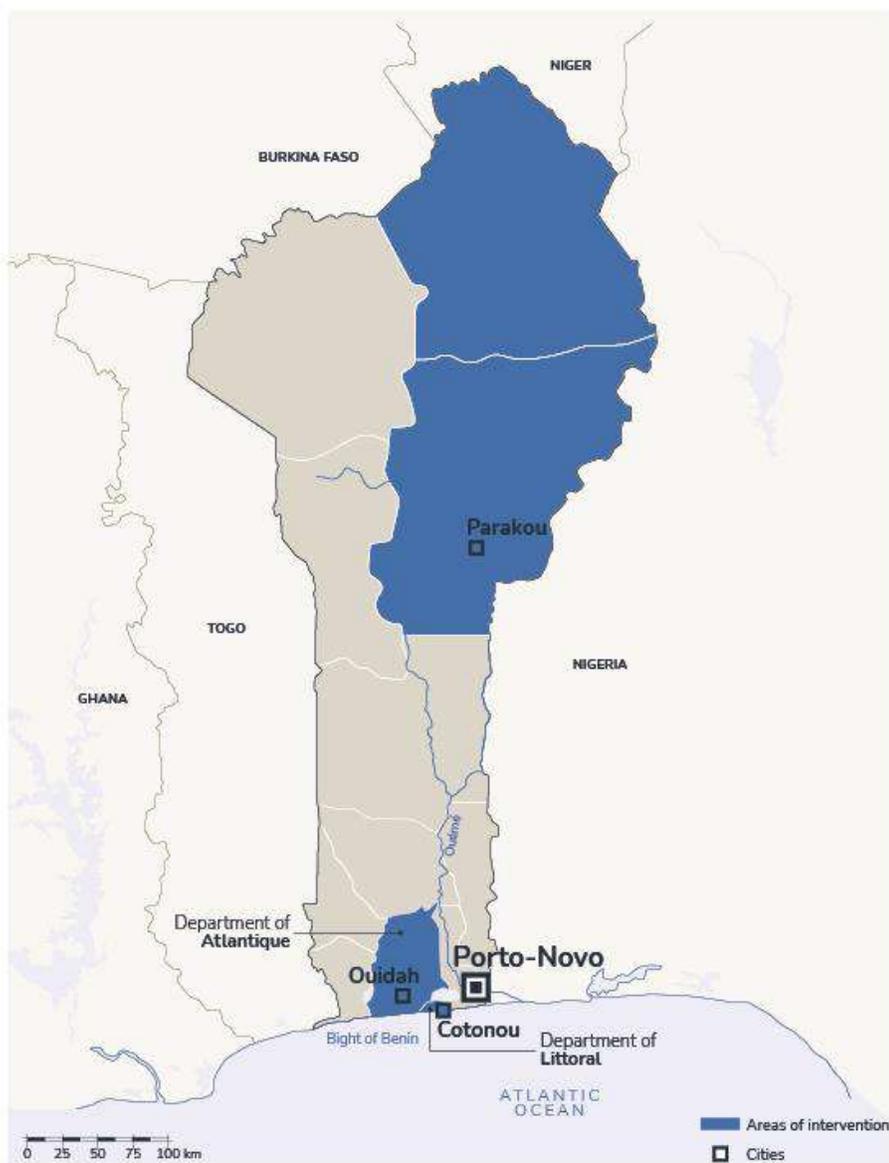




HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 22 people on HI's team in Benin.

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General Country Data

a. General data

Country	BENIN	Neighbouring country: TOGO	France
Population	12,123,198	8,278,737	67,391,582
IHDI	0.545	0.515	0.809
Gender development index	0.855	0.822	0.98
Maternal mortality	397	396	10
GINI index	47.8	43.1	31.6
Population under UNHCR mandate	1,174	12,336	368,352
INFORM index	4.1	4.6	2.2
Fragile states index	72.5	85.8	30.5
Public social protection	4.2	2.6	31.7
Official development assistance received	360.6	345.1	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 1998
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 10 July 2017
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2012



c. Geopolitical analysis

1. Social, cultural and demographic context

The Republic of Benin is a West African country with a narrow access to the Gulf of Guinea. Its political capital is Porto-Novo and the economic capital is Cotonou. The country has a surface area of almost 114,000 sq.km and a coastline of 121 km along the Gulf of Guinea. It is bordered by Togo to the west, Nigeria to the east and Burkina-Faso and Niger to the north.

2. Political situation

Benin has been a stable democracy since 1990. However, the legislative elections held in April 2019 contested by the opposition, as opposition parties were not allowed to participate under the new electoral code.

3. Economic inclusion

Benin's economy is heavily dependent on informal re-export and transit trade to Nigeria (accounting for about 20% of GDP) and on agriculture. More than 90% of the working population is engaged in the informal economy, which is estimated to account for 65% of total activity.



Summary of HI's work in the country

The Benin programme emerged from the Togo programme in 1999 in response to a request to train orthoprosthesis technicians at the CNHU (national teaching hospital) in Cotonou. In 2003, the Benin programme closed due to a lack of funding.

From 2003 to 2010, HI strengthened exchanges between the national Buruli Ulcer Control programmes in Togo, Benin and Ghana. During this period, HI only deployed short missions to Benin.

In 2010, HI's office in Cotonou was reopened at the request of the Ministry of the Family and National Solidarity. HI implemented several projects, including a lymphatic filariasis control project, a project to promote the rights of people with disabilities, a road safety project, and an inclusive local development (ILD) project. The DECISIPH project to promote the rights of people with disabilities breathed new life into the not-for-profit sector in Benin and became a trusted, reliable contact for the government.

From 2013 to 2017, HI implemented three projects on inclusive education, inclusive local development and the management of the physical security of weapons and munitions. The local inclusive development project has had a real impact in Cotonou, with the development of norms for minimum accessibility standards for municipalities and the relaunch of a process to develop an inclusive building code. HI is now considered an authority on accessibility.

In 2018, HI launched socio-economic inclusion, road safety 2 and inclusive education 2 projects. These were followed respectively in 2019 and 2020 by the Capacity-Building for African Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA), Weapons and Ammunition Risk Management (WRAM) and the Promotion of Safe Environments project (CAPAF-SEC 2/3) and the ILD 2 project and then by the SIGNAL project in 2021.



Overview of current projects

Sectors in which HI is running projects, with a focus on the beneficiaries and partners

Main sectors of intervention	Objectives of the project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries at the end of the project	Partners	Location	Project start and end dates and institutional donors
Road Safety project							
Safe and inclusive mobility	To improve conditions for road users based on effective road safety management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting and adopting a new highway code Strengthening and mobilising road safety actors to implement a national road safety action plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26,000 young vulnerable road users 25 representatives of civil society organisations and organisations of people with disabilities working in the field of road safety 20 managers and agents from the National Road Safety Centre (CNSR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road users including young vulnerable road users (15-29 years old) Ministries and technical departments in charge of transport and health Professionals in the road safety sector Public and private companies Organisations of people with disabilities and civil society organisations, especially those working in road safety The gendarmerie and national police force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Works and Transport National Road Safety Centre (CNSR) Network of Road Safety Associations (RENASER) Network of Journalists and Road Safety Facilitators (REJASER), and the Network of Road Safety 	Littoral and Atlantique departments	01.2018-12.2021 DGD



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 trainers and 1,000 recruits from the police 		Partners (REPASER)		
Inclusive employment project							
Economic inclusion	To improve the economic and professional inclusion of people with disabilities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local assessment of access to employment for people with disabilities • Capacity-building for the National Employment Agency and training centres • Disability awareness-raising for companies • Setting up a support fund for companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 620 young people with disabilities • 3 training and social development centres • 40 company executives • 10 companies • 5 service providers in the professional inclusion field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young unemployed people with disabilities (15-34 years old) • Inclusive employment service professionals, including training centres, Micro Finance Institutes and banks • Public, private and specialised companies • Public institutions, including the National Employment Agency • Social sector partners • Organisations of people with disabilities and civil society organisations, especially those working in the Corporate Social Responsibility field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Employment Agency (ANPE) • Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities (FAPHB) • Training and social development centres 	Littoral and Atlantique department	01.2018-12.2021 DGD



				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local and national public authorities 			
Project: Health, education and livelihoods in Africa: a sustainable inclusion approach							
Inclusive governance	To improve disability policies and the socio-economic conditions of people with disabilities in Africa through their meaningful involvement in the development and implementation of local, national and regional policies and programmes to promote their rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the capacities of organisations of people with disabilities Local participatory diagnosis of citizen participation of people with disabilities and barriers to access to basic social services Organisational strengthening BRIDGE training (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, disability diversity, public policies, sustainable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 members of 12 networks of organisations of people with disabilities will be trained 10 young people will be helped to develop speaking skills 2 social development centres will be provided with support and assistance to refer and advise young people with disabilities 25 service providers and heads of municipal services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people with disabilities Organisations of people with disabilities and civil society organisations Local and national public authorities Service providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation of Associations of Persons with Disabilities (FAPHB) Cotonou and Parakou town halls 	Municipalities of Cotonou and Parakoi	01.2020-12.2022 NORAD



		<p>development goals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy by Disabled People's Organisations and Civil Society Organisations • Accessibility workings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 service providers supported on the quality of services for people with disabilities • Members of the Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities will be trained on BRIDGE • 20 local elected officials trained 				
Inclusive education project							
Inclusive education	<p>To make tangible improvements to the living conditions of people with disabilities and vulnerable populations through an inclusive and participatory approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy to include children with disabilities in the country's education policies and strategies. • Organising consultations with care providers for children with disabilities • Inclusive education training and support for teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 children with disabilities • 238 teachers • 4 specialised schools • 10 decentralised technical services agents • 2 NGOs • 5 community-based rehabilitation centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with disabilities and their families • Organisations of people with disabilities • Education system actors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Social Affairs and Microfinance • La Colombe – Hibiscus NGO • Equilibre Bénin NGO • Ministry of Nursery and Primary Education 	<p>Littoral and Atlantique departments</p>	<p>01.2018-12.2021</p> <p>AFD</p>
<p>CAPAF-SEC project: "Capacity-Building for African Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA), Weapons and Ammunition Risk Management (WRAM) and the Promotion of Safe Environments"</p>							



<p>Armed violence prevention</p>	<p>To improve the physical security of African populations through capacity-building in humanitarian mine action and the management and destruction of weapons and munitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the training services and quality of the Post-conflict Mine Action and Clearance Development Centre • Technical capacity-building in the quality management of mine actions and weapons and munition stockpile management • Supporting research on armed violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-conflict Mine Action and Clearance Development Centre • State actors (National Mine Action Centres - CNLAM) • National Commissions for the Non-Proliferation of Small Weapons (Com.Nat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communities directly affected by the threat of mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices in targeted areas • Team members and partners in the countries where HI works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-conflict Mine Action and Clearance Development Centre (CPADD) • National Communities directly affected by the threat of mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices in targeted areas • National Mine Action Commissions (Senegal and DRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benin • Guinea Bissau • Niger • DRC • Senegal • Chad 	<p>07.2020-12.2021</p> <p>CDCS</p>
<p>SIGNAL project</p>							



<p>Supply chain & access capacity-building of humanitarian and market actors</p>	<p>To improve the impact of aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying zones for field assessments • Collecting secondary data • Market/transport and road network assessments • Drafting an analysis report & creating Logistics Vulnerability Index maps • Data analysis and mapping • Presenting maps and reports • Feedback with humanitarian organisations and authorities on the usefulness of the Logistics Vulnerability Index 	<p>Humanitarian aid and development actors</p>	<p>Local communities living in the project's intervention areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PONGIB • Town halls in the intervention areas • Transport unions • National Districts Association of Benin (ANCB) • Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MIT) • National Civil Protection Agency (ANPC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alibori (Malanville, Karimama, Banikoara, Gogounou, Kandi and Segbana) • Borgou (Parakou, Tchaourou, Kalalé, Pèrèrè, N'Dali and Bembèrèkè) 	<p>03.2021-10.2022</p> <p>OFDA</p>
<p>MAKING IT WORK project</p>							
<p>Inclusive governance</p>	<p>To strengthen the promotion, protection and exercise of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying organisations showing best practice on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations of people with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations of people with disabilities 	<p>Identification underway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotonou • Borgou • Atlantique region 	<p>08.2020-07.2023</p>



	rights of people with disabilities with a focus on discrimination and violence towards women and young girls with disabilities	violence against women with disabilities • Implementing a capacity-building plan for the identified organisations	• Women's organisations • Civil society organisations	• Beneficiaries of organisations of people with disabilities			
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Institutional donors

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<p style="text-align: center;">AFD</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">AFD AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CDCS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Avec la participation de</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p>
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